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SUBJECT: US PROVIDED TANK TRAINING

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, INFORMATION ON US M48A5 TANK TRAINING
PROVIDED OR PROGRAMMED FOLLOWS.

2. US PROVIDED A NINE-MAN MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT) WHICH
ARRIVED IN PORTUGAL WITH THE FIVE M48A5 TANKS. THIS TEAM
CONSISTED OF ONE CAPTAIN AND EIGHT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.
MTT CONDUCTED SIX PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION IN OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF M48A5 JUNE 22 - OCT 20, 1976, AND TRAINED A
CADRE OF FUTURE INSTRUCTORS IN EACH DISCIPLINE. FOLLOWING
COURSES WERE TAUGHT:

COURSE	NO. OF STUDENTS
TANK COMMANDER AND CREW	26
TURRET MECHANIC	4
TANK MECHANIC	13
RADIO REPAIRMAN	8
SUPPLY SPECIALISTS	17

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UNIT REPAIR PARTS SPECIALIST 11

TOTAL 79

3. PORTUGUESE ARMY IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING TRAINING, USING
THE US TRAINED CADRE, FOR SIXTY TANK CREWMEN AND INSTRUCTORS
TO TRAIN FUTURE TANK CREWS. TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT SANTA

MARGARIDA, BASE FOR NATO BRIGADE. OTHER TRAINING WHICH US HAS PROVIDED IS THREE OFFICERS TO THE ARMOR OFFICER ADVANCED COURSE AND OBSERVER TRAINING FOR 45 PA OFFICERS AND NCO'S WITH US ARMY UNITS IN GERMANY. TRAINING FOR FY 78 INCLUDES TWO OFFICERS FOR THE ARMOR ADVANCED COURSE, TWO TANK TURRET REPAIRMEN, TWO FIRE CONTROL REPAIRMEN, TWO TRACKED VEHICLE MECHANICS, AND OBSERVER TRAINING FOR 45 OFFICERS.

5. ELEMENTS OF THE CADRE TRAINED BY THE MTT ARE CURRENTLY SERVING AS INSTRUCTORS AT THE PA CAVALRY SCHOOL AT SANTAREM. CARLUCCI

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